

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 2-4, 2-10 and 2-14 of Division 1, Article I; to amend the second sentence of the first paragraph and the first sentence of the last paragraph of Section 2-86 of Article VII; to amend and reordain the first and second sentences of Section 2-87 of Article VII; and to amend Article VII by adding thereto a new section numbered 2-93.1, all of Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 2 relates to ADMINISTRATION, which Article I relates to CITY COUNCIL, which Division 1 relates to IN GENERAL, which Section 2-4 relates to COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS, which Section 2-10 relates to MAYOR; VICE-MAYOR, which Section 2-14 relates to INAUGURAL MEETING; COUNCIL AS JUDGE OF ELECTION AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS, which Article VII relates to PURCHASES AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICES, which Section 2-86 relates to PROCEDURE AS TO CONTRACT; COMPETITIVE BIDS, which Section 2-87 relates to OPEN MARKET ORDERS, and which new section numbered 2-93.1 relates to EXCEPTIONS TO BIDDING, CONTRACTS--EMERGENCY.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 2-4, Article I, Division 1 of Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 2-4. Compensation of members.

Members of the city council shall receive, in full compensation for their services, four hundred dollars per month; provided that the mayor shall receive, in full compensation for his services, four hundred and fifty dollars per month. The rate of compensation for the members of the city council and the mayor may be changed by ordinance; except, that no increase in such rate of compensation shall be made to become effective during the term for which a member of the city council voting on the question of such increase shall have been elected.

Section 2. That Section 2-10, Article I, Division 1 of Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 2-10. Mayor; vice-mayor.

The mayor of the city shall be elected as provided for in section 10.01 of the Charter, and the vice-mayor shall be elected as provided for in section 3.05 of the Charter. The mayor shall preside over the meetings of the city council and shall have the same right to vote and speak therein as other members. The mayor shall not have the power of veto. He shall be recognized as the head of the city government for all ceremonial purposes, the purposes of military law and the service of civil process. If a vacancy shall occur in the office of mayor or vice-mayor, the city council shall elect one of its members to the office for the unexpired term. In the absence or disability of the mayor, the vice-mayor shall perform the duties of mayor.

Section 3. That Section 2-14, Article I, Division 1 of Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 2-14. Inaugural meeting; council as judge of election and qualifications of members.

The first meeting of a newly elected city council shall take place at 7:30 P.M. on the first day of July following election or if such day shall fall on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, then on the next business day, and shall be called to order by the city clerk or, in his absence, by any judicial officer having jurisdiction in the city.

Section 4. That the second sentence of the first paragraph of Section 2-86, Article VII, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

When the estimated amount of supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services needed or personal property to be disposed of equals two thousand dollars or over, the city purchasing agent shall, and in other cases may if practicable to secure competitive bids, advertise for sealed bids in a newspaper having general circulation in the city in such manner and for such time as he may determine.

Section 5. That the first sentence of the last paragraph of Section 2-86, Article VII, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

If the amount of the expenditure is to exceed two thousand dollars, a written contract shall be executed.

Section 6. That the first and second sentences of Section 2-87, Article VII, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

Except where otherwise in this article provided, purchases of supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services and sales of personal property which has become obsolete or unusable, the estimated amount of which is less than two thousand dollars, may be made in the open market without newspaper advertisement and without observing the procedure prescribed in section 2-86 of this Code. All open market purchases, the estimated amount of which equals two hundred dollars or over, if possible, shall be based upon at least three competitive bids.

Section 7. That Article VII, Chapter 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new section numbered 2-93.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 2-93.1. Exceptions to bidding, contracts--Emergency.

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2-74 through 2-93 of Article VII, Chapter 2 of this Code, improvements, repairs, services and purchases may be made or obtained without the necessity of complying with said sections when, in the opinion of the city manager, an emergency has arisen which requires an expenditure to meet a pressing need for other than a regular or recurring requirement, in order to protect the public health, safety or welfare; provided the city manager first approves the transaction in writing. The city manager shall within thirty days after such approval notify the city council in writing of his action, which writing shall contain a statement of the emergency and the transaction.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The clerk of the council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

FINAL PASSAGE: September 27, 1968

NB. Underlining is not part of the ordinance but merely denotes new or changed material.